

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Twenty years ago, Dr. Bruce G. Milne and Dr. Carole Kasen, gifted educators in South Dakota, created the South Dakota Governor's Camp for the Gifted as a unique learning and cultural opportunity for gifted and talented seventh through ninth graders throughout the state; and,

*Whereas*, The Governor's Camp has provided an unparalleled experience and atmosphere full of warmth, camaraderie, laughter, and joy to nearly 4,000 campers from more than 100 communities in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, In 1988, Dr. Milne and Dr. Kasen expanded the camp program to include the South Dakota Ambassadors of Excellence, a high school group that serves as counselors and instructors for the camp as well as a performance group of musicians, singers, dancers, actors, and comedians; and,

*Whereas*, The Ambassadors of Excellence have traveled to, and performed at, gifted conferences in Australia, the Netherlands, Germany, Scotland and Taiwan, not to mention across South Dakota and the United States; and,

*Whereas*, This year's camp, "Lean on Me," runs July 27-31, and includes a reunion of former camp participants; and,

*Whereas*, Dr. Milne taught campers to follow their biggest, wildest dreams and to always "keep the faith!;" and,

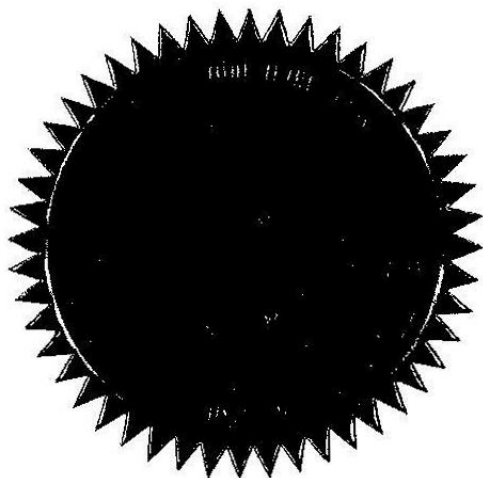
*Whereas*, Dr. Milne has been a role model, mentor, friend, companion, champion, and inspiration to all camp participants; and,

*Whereas*, It is proper and fitting for the Governor of the state of South Dakota to recognize the tremendous contribution Dr. Milne has made to the continuing education and stimulation of these young minds:

*Now, Therefore, I, M, Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all to join me in thanking Dr. Milne for his contribution to education.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State